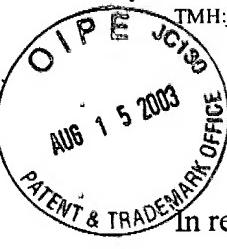


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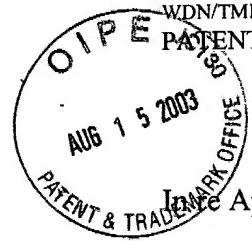
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This Response is filed in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice), dated July 17, 2003 ("Notice"). A one-month period for reply was set in the Notice, making a response due on or before August 17, 2003. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Conclusion are on page 3 of this paper.